

新閣僚の横顔

屈指の戦術家

〇……嶋田海相

国防体制下の帝國海軍軍政を、その双肩に荷ふこととなつた横
鎮長官嶋田繁太郎大將は、わが海軍部内における屈指
の戦術家である。その経歴をわけても昭和四年少將に進んだ以
後は、二艦隊参謀長、一艦隊参謀長兼聯合艦
隊参謀長を歴任し、潜水学校長から、また洋上に戻つて
才三艦隊参謀長をやつてゐる。昭和十年には、はやくも
軍令部次長となつて、海軍最高の作戰要務を完
遂してゐる。

その卓抜せる作戰上の識見は、今より夏前から日本を目
標としてアメリカが樹立してゐる渡洋作戰ヤシガポール
を中心とするイギリスの攻防作戰に對して、すでに数年前帝
國海軍の根本戰略を打建つてゐる。今後海軍軍政方面にと
んなる参謀長が、いかに發揮されるかは、実に注目し値する。

大將は及り前海相より一期下で明治三十八年の兵学校出身。今
年五十九である。淺草新福井町の生れで、少佐時代にはイタリ
ヤ在勤帝國大使館輔佐官として前歐洲大戦も現地で体験
してゐる。長官府長官から友那方面艦隊司令長官に轉
じつる九月まで汪政權育成と重慶完封に努力してゐる。氏は耳新
しいことでも、その智謀と廿余貫五尺七寸の巨軀に溢れる健康と確
かな不動の信念を堅持する現下の帝國海軍を代表するに打つて
つりの適任である。

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テ、茲ニ添付セラルル下記新聞條、横頭、居指、戰術家
ト題スル新聞記ヲ切取、文書、千九百四十二年、昭和十
六年、十月二十一日毎日新聞ニ掲載セラルルモノ、ナルコトヲ
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October 21, 1941

Profile of the New Cabinet Minister
Navy Minister SHIMADA.

A Distinguished Tactician.

Admiral SHIMADA, Shigetaro, the Commander in Chief of the YOKOSUKA Naval Station who has been delegated to shoulder the administration of the Imperial Navy under the National Defense Organization, is a rare tactician in our Navy circle. His career, since 1929 when he became a rear admiral, includes services as Chief of Staff of the Second Fleet, Chief of Staff of the First Fleet, and concurrently Chief of Staff of the Combined Fleet. After serving as Commandant of the Submarine School, he returned to sea to become the Chief of Staff of the Third Fleet. He soon became the Vice Chief of the Naval General Staff, and accomplished important affairs concerning the highest naval operations.

With his outstanding knowledge of tactics, he has several years ago already formulated the fundamental strategies of the JAPANESE Navy against the transoceanic operations which AMERICA had drafted from before the present Incident with JAPAN as the objective, and against the BRITISH offensive and defensive operations which centers around SINGAPORE. How he would act in the future as the "Chief of Staff" /TN: idiomatic expression meaning leader in his case/ in the Naval administration field, is truly worthy of attention.

The admiral, who is 59 years old this year, is a member of the 1905 graduating class of the Naval Academy, being one semester below that of former Navy Minister OIKAWA. He was born in SEINFUKUICHO, ASAKUSA, TOKYO. When he was a Lieutenant Commander, he went through the First World War on the spot, as an assistant attache in the JAPANESE Embassy in ITALY. It is recent news that after being transferred from the post of Commander in Chief of the KURE Naval Station to that of Commander in Chief of the CHINA Area Fleet, he had been engaged until last September in the promotion of the WANG Regime and the blockade of CHUNGKING. His resources and the good health which overflows his 5 SHAKU 7 SUN /TN Approximately 5 ft. 6 1/2 in./, 20 odd KAN/TN approximately 165 lbs./ body, and the unshakeable faith he firmly possesses, makes him a most appropriate appointee to represent the present Japanese Navy.

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